

**249J.20 Medical assistance projections and assessment council.**

1. A medical assistance projections and assessment council is created consisting of the following members:

a. The co-chairpersons and ranking members of the legislative joint appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, or a member of the appropriations subcommittee designated by the co-chairperson or ranking member.

b. The chairpersons and ranking members of the human resources committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or a member of the committee designated by the chairperson or ranking member.

c. The chairpersons and ranking members of the appropriations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or a member of the committee designated by the chairperson or ranking member.

2. The members of the council shall serve terms as provided in section 69.16B.

3. The council shall meet as often as deemed necessary, but shall meet at least annually. The council may use sources of information deemed appropriate, and the department and other agencies of state government shall provide information to the council as requested. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the council.

4. The council shall select a chairperson, annually, from its membership. A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

5. The council shall do all of the following:

a. Make cost projections for the medical assistance program and the expansion population.

b. Review reports on all initiatives under this chapter, including those provisions in the design, development, and implementation phases, and make additional recommendations for medical assistance program and expansion population reform on an annual basis.

c. Review annual audited financial statements relating to the expansion population submitted by the providers included in the expansion population provider network.

d. Review reports on the success of the Iowa Medicaid enterprise based upon the contractual performance measures for each Iowa Medicaid enterprise partner.

e. Assure that the expansion population is managed at all times within funding limitations. In assuring such compliance, the council shall assume that supplemental funding will not be available for coverage of services provided to the expansion population.

6. The department of human services, the department of management, and the legislative services agency shall utilize a joint process to arrive at an annual consensus projection for medical assistance program and expansion population expenditures for submission to the council. By December 15 of each fiscal year, the council shall review the consensus projection of expenditures for the fiscal year beginning the following July 1.

2005 Acts, ch 167, §21, 66; 2006 Acts, ch 1184, §116, 127; 2008 Acts, ch 1156, §37, 58; 2008 Acts, ch 1187, §125